GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATTACK ON A TEMPLE IN JAMMU
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the recent attack on a temple in Jammu has been condemned by the international community; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, members of the international community, including the United States of America, European Union, Russia, Japan etc. have condemned the recent attack on a temple in Jammu.

(b) Statements issued by United States of America, European Union, Russia and Japan have inter alia expressed shock at the terrorist attacks, condemned these latest instances of senseless violence and said that violence will not solve the problems, nor will terrorism achieve the goals of any group.

The Russian Foreign Ministry statement also stressed that the foremost condition for the cessation of terrorist acts in Jammu & Kashmir is the full implementation by Pakistani authorities of their own obligations for the speedy eradication of terrorist infrastructure in that country.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry statement mentioned that barbaric terrorist attack targeting civilians shall never be justified and reaffirmed its determination towards eradication of any form of terrorism.